

River City Star



MBCA Memphis Section Newsletter — June 2018

Next Event!

Drive and Dine to Clancy's Café



It's summer and a good time for a drive and dine. Our destination on **Saturday, June 30** is a BBQ joint in Red Banks where you can also get really tasty fried catfish, burgers and whatever else Chef Tyler Clancy dreams up (check out their menu on their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/Clancys-Cafe-214421498579441/). **We'll meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m.** The address is 4078 MS-178, Red Banks, MS 38661. **Please RSVP to Pam Zelman (templehill1840@gmail.com/513.382.6195) by June 25.**

See you there - bring your appetite!!

Upcoming Event

By Cliff Reyle

Tech Session at MB of Memphis

Mercedes-Benz of Memphis will be hosting the MBCA Memphis Section for a tech session in their state-of-the-art facility, conveniently located in East Memphis at 5389 Poplar Avenue. We will meet on **Saturday, July 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and we'll have coffee, juice and pastries.** Whether you own a classic or a late model Mercedes-Benz, you will come away a more informed Mercedes owner as we are instructed by some of the most experienced Mercedes-Benz technicians in the Mid-South. We are lucky to have time with sales people to review the 2018 models and time in the service area with highly-qualified technicians.

Some of the topics covered will be:

- Essentials to keeping a Mercedes running well – both for classics and modern models
- The biggest mistakes that technicians see owners make in maintaining their car
- Explanation and examples of the latest technology being offered by Mercedes-Benz
- A technicians' perspective of where technology is headed and the impact on the maintenance of vehicles



There will be plenty of time “in the shop” with the opportunity to ask the questions you have wanted to ask of an experienced, certified M-B technician. You will not want to miss this opportunity! **Please RSVP to Cliff Reyle, cliff.reyle@youthvillages.org, by Tuesday, July 10.**

President's Message

By Linda Reyle

Greeting, Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts!

As your incoming president of the Memphis section, I am honored to serve you. Our 2018 calendar of events is designed to appeal to the diversity of interests among of current and future members: those who like to:

- DRIVE your Mercedes-Benz,
- FIX your Mercedes-Benz, and
- Join for SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

For FIX interests, the July 14 Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Memphis is a must-attend event where M-B certified technicians will be demonstrating diagnostic and repair approaches to both late model and earlier Mercedes-Benz cars. Our DRIVE events in 2018 are created to make it easy to have some road-time in your Mercedes-Benz but within easy reach of Memphis. For SOCIAL CONNECTIONS, the every Saturday of the month you can drive your car to Cars & Coffee at venues around the Memphis metropolitan area for coffee and pastries and general car conversation. Our October 27th Concours d'Ordinaire simply requires that you bring your daily driver M-B for light-hearted judging, followed by dinner. Also in the fall, we have some great driving and social events - like our cruise to the Shelby Forest General Store for lunch and bluegrass music, and of course, our annual participation in the Germantown Holiday Parade.

Buckle up, stay safe, and drink fluids this summer! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Editor's Notes

You've heard me say that good ideas come from anywhere. Well, building on what Linda said, here are some ideas that folks have proposed for 2019: tour of Museum of Automobiles and Petit Jean State Park in AR; Wilson AR Crawfish Festival; tour of Shiloh National Military Park; road trip to Bardstown KY for a Bourbon Trail Tour; more tech sessions and garage tours; combined events with other MBCA sections and other Memphis car clubs.

Sounds great, right? Add your own great ideas to this list, and bring your friends to these events! You are always free to contact me at mbcamemphis@gmail.com with suggestions or questions. We have great plans for this Club - just watch!

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Upcoming Event

Coffee & Cars

There are lots of reasons to get up early on Saturday mornings - estate and yard sales, good fishing, breakfast with friends and family...and CARS!

We have our monthly Cars & Carbs on the **first Saturday** at 9:00 a.m. We rotate restaurants because we want all of our members to have easier access every once in awhile. Our locations are: Bluff City Coffee downtown (505 South Main), Jody's Donuts in Collierville (1996 S. Houston Levee Rd.) and as always, La Baguette in East Memphis (3088 Poplar Ave.). Please see our calendar for details.

The **second Saturday** of the month, year round, is On The Edge: Cars & Coffee, at 598 Monroe Ave. downtown, across from High Cotton Brewery and the Edge Alley Coffee Shop. The **third Saturday** is a new addition at Pimento's Kitchen + Market, 6450 Poplar Ave. in East Memphis. The **fourth Saturday** is Cars & Coffee at Germantown Performing Arts Center (GPAC), located at 1801 Exeter Rd. What better way to start your weekend?!

Pick one and join the fun! Hope to see you out there.

Upcoming Event

Garage Tour

George Poteet is a nationally-known car guy. He's a hot-rodder, builds speed racers for the Bonneville Salt Flats, and has a world-class car collection in six buildings on a thousand acres outside Holly Springs, MS. He loves sharing his knowledge and cars with others, so we're going to join the Porsche Club and tours his collection on **Saturday, August 4th**. We'll meet at the home of Dave and Pam Zelman in Holly Springs (180 E. Park Avenue) at **8:30 a.m.** – early, to beat the heat – and caravan to Mr. Poteet's property. Wear walking shoes and comfortable clothes, as not all of the buildings have AC.

If you want to know more about Mr. Poteet's cars, please see the following articles (a selection from a half million results on Google):

<http://www.hotrod.com/articles/hrdp-1011-george-poteets-hot-rod-collection/>

<https://www.good-guys.com/hotnews/5-minutes-george-poteet/>

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/mississippi-mensch-george-poteets-hot-rods-elevate-both-art-form-and-artist>

<http://memphisque.blogspot.com/2012/10/hot-rod-and-barbecue-abundance-in-holly.html>

Mr. Poteet very generously opens his garage to folks who know about it, but it's off the beaten path. You will NOT want to miss this chance! It's going to be a great morning and we'll likely find a nearby restaurant for lunch afterward. Please RSVP to Pam Zelman (templehill1840@gmail.com/513.382.6195) by July 30.



Upcoming Event

Memphis Euro-Fest to benefit Youth Villages

September isn't too far away and given how hot it is outside, you'd better start spiffing up your cars now!

September 29th is this year's date for Memphis Euro-Fest, which is put on by the British Sports Car Club of Memphis, with help from our Mercedes-Benz section, plus the Porsche and BMW Clubs. As always, all proceeds go to support Memphis' Youth Villages and the great work they do on behalf of our area's most needy children. Your contribution makes the show successful, and make a big difference for our community. The kids who live onsite get to come out and look at the cars; it's always fun to talk with them about their favorites. Last year had a great variety of cars and was a lot of fun, despite the heat.

The British Car Club will have the normal venue of early registration Friday evening 6:30- 9:00 with live music and dinner. The car show will be held Saturday at Youth Villages on Memphis Arlington Rd. Registration will be \$25 per car; registration will start at 8:00am on the day of the event (but you can register on the BSCC's website closer to the event at www.memphisbritishcars.org). They will have popular judging with awards given out about 2:30 - and this year we may have as many as four M-B categories: Roadsters, Sedans before 1995, Sedans 1995 and after, and SUVs/Smarts/Sprinters.

Please be advised that the Youth Villages campus is non-smoking and no adult beverages are allowed. **RSVP to [Rich Rankin](#) by **September 25****, whether or not you complete the online registration form.

Memphis Membership Momentum

By **Bill Sudekum**

Congratulations and welcome to our new section members since the beginning of the year. We hope you will enjoy your association with the Memphis Section and participate in our events as you are able. We welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have throughout the year.

Scott Adams

Isiah Davidson

Roland Puls

Harris Williams

We also want to say thank you to the following who have renewed their memberships for another year. We're extremely happy and fortunate to have you as dedicated members.

Dwane Accardo

Tom Baker

Charlie Brown

Ralph Dansby

Martin Harshberger

Wilton Hill

Marcel Hinrichs

Michael Kitchens

James Lafferty

Richard Reyle

Ken Solis

Napoleon White

John Williams

The section has set as a goal this year, to have each current member recruit one new member. If we can do that, we, of course, will double our membership and then be able to sponsor more events, more prizes, and more fun. Tell your friends! Dues are to the national office only once a year. There is no local assessment and you get the bi-monthly magazine, section newsletter, a discount on a new Mercedes at an authorized dealer, and the opportunity to participate in local, regional and national events.

Mark Your Calendar for local events!

Details for some events, especially those farther out, will be firmed up in future newsletters and via email.

JUNE

30 Drive and Dine at Clancy's Café, 4078 MS-178, Red Banks, MS, 6:00 p.m.; Pam Zelman, host

JULY

7 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — La Baguette, 3088 Poplar Ave.

14 Tech Session at M-B of Memphis, 5389 Poplar Ave., 9:00 a.m.; Cliff Reyle, host

AUGUST

5 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Jody's Donuts, 1996 S. Houston Levee Rd.

5 Garage Tour with Porsche Club of America to the collection of George Poteet in Holly Springs. Meet at the home of Dave & Pam Zelman, 180 E. Park Ave in Holly Springs, 8:30 a.m.; Pam Zelman, host

SEPTEMBER

1 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Bluff City Coffee, 505 S. Main St., downtown

29 Memphis EuroFest at Youth Villages, Memphis-Arlington Rd., 8:00 a.m.; Rich Rankin, host

OCTOBER

6 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — La Baguette, 3088 Poplar Ave.

TBD Tech Session

27 Concours d'Ordinaire at the home of Cliff & Linda Reyle, 9658 Dove Meadow Cove East, Germantown, 6:00 p.m.; Linda Reyle, host

NOVEMBER

3 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Jody's Donuts, 1996 S. Houston Levee Rd.

11 Drive and Dine to Shelby Forest General Store, 7729 Benjestown Rd, Millington. Meet at Wendy's, 6143 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, 11:30 a.m.; Pam Zelman, host

DECEMBER

1 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Bluff City Coffee, 505 S. Main St., downtown

8 Germantown Holiday Parade, 1:00 lineup — details to come; Bill Sudekum, host

8 Memphis Section Holiday Party at the home of Dave & Pam Zelman, 180 E. Park Ave., Holly Springs, 6:00 p.m.

Add these fun events to your calendar, too!

These events aren't planned by us but sure sound like a good time.

Every Saturday - Coffee & Cars, in various locations (see our article)

June

23 Mustang Club Freedom Cruise IV - open to all cars; proceeds benefit West TN Veterans Home. Details at <https://streetrodevents.com/event/freedom-cruise-iv-hosted-by-mid-south-mustang-club-2/>

23 Discovery Park of America (Union City, TN) 4th Annual Car Show. Fun for the whole family in a fantastic park/museum. Worth the drive. [Details at http://discoveryparkofamerica.com/event/discovery-park-americas-car-show/](http://discoveryparkofamerica.com/event/discovery-park-americas-car-show/)

September

15-16 Porsche Club of America - Mid South Region, High Performance Drivers' Education at Memphis International Raceway. Great fun and open to all cars! Details are at <https://www.pca-msr.org/driver-s-ed>



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Review: Natchez Euro Fest

By Bill Sudekum

If smiling faces and admiring glances are signs of people having a good time, then this year's Natchez Euro Fest was a rousing success. Despite a one-week weather delay and having to move the whole event indoors due to more predicted bad weather, five cars from Memphis made the 300 mile, eight-hour trek (with stops) to beautiful, historic Natchez. There, we joined 40 other classic and modern European cars from around the southeast, for another fun weekend of enjoying Natchez hospitality, sparkling machinery, old and new friends, and some fantastic food.

Bobby and Joan Gammill, Lynn and Janet Jones, Mike McHann, and Ken Solis joined caravan leaders Bill and Jo Anne Sudekum for this year's trip. Mike was the big winner this time, taking the awards for Best in Class and a Sponsor's Trophy for his beautifully prepared 1993 Mercedes 300CE.

A special thanks to the people of Natchez, and the Natchez Automotive Society for hosting us again this year, and to Mike Marsh of the Mississippi Section for putting all of the pieces together and making it happen.



Review: New Member Dinner at Marlowe's

By Linda Reyle

We gathered at the renowned Marlowe's BBQ on Elvis Presley Boulevard. An impressive collection of Elvis Presley memorabilia covers the walls of the eatery. Marlowe's founder Tony Gigliotti stopped by our table to share some of his fond memories of starting the restaurant. Our own MBCA member Rolf Pludra is Tony's barber! Founder Tony handed over the restaurant to his daughter, Melissa Gigliotti, who also visited with our group. The food was terrific and the MBCA members enjoyed the evening.



Pictures: Dinner and Elections at Akita

